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## **StoryCorps Project**

### **Pre-Writing and Preparation Packet**

**Introduction:** This packet has some work for you to fill out as well as information for you to read and use for your StoryCorps project.

### **Getting Started: Logistics**

This section is devoted to informing you of the *when/where/how* of the StoryCorps interview.

#### **WHEN**

Part of what makes the StoryCorps interview process tricky is that you need a place that is relatively quiet and private. That way, your partner's responses will be clearly heard and they will be more willing to talk. Keep in mind the interview process should only take about 10-20 minutes. Here are the best times to arrange for an interview:

- During lunch/recess in a teacher's classroom
- After school at someone's house
- In tutorial (ideally in a classroom that does not have students in it)
- Study hall (you will need to find a space that is quiet to do the interview)

#### **WHERE**

If you are going to record your interview at school, here are some good places to go:

- Mr. Green's room, if during tutorial or lunch/break when he is not on duty (please ask for permission first)
- Ms. Chall's office, if it is not overflowing with children (please ask for permission first)
- Another teacher's classroom during tutorial or lunch/recess (again....permission....)
- One of the conference rooms (there is one on the top floor, just past the elevators, and the other is in the library)

- Library

### **HOW**

There are a couple ways you can record your interview. Here are the most reliable:

- **On your iPhone** (and probably other smart phones, too): Record a voice memo. Save the memo and email it to Mr. Green. (joe.green@latinpcs.org). Be sure your name is on the memo and to indicate **which part of the interview Mr. Green should listen to.**
- **On a laptop:** Use the **Quicktime** application. Click “File” and “New Audio Recording.” Record the interview. Save it to the laptop, including your first and last name, and then share it with or email it to Mr. Green. Again, make sure you **indicate which part of the interview Mr. Green should listen to.**

### **Choosing a Value For the Interview**

When creating questions to ask your partner, you should try to focus on a value of some sort. There is a list of sample values on the next page for your reference. You may select a value that is not listed on the page as well.

## LIST OF VALUES

You can use this list to help you determine the value you would like to focus on for your StoryCorps interview.

Honesty	Hard Work
Boldness	Imagination
Bravery	Empathy
Ambition	Diversity
Caring	Family
Charity	Friendship
Fairness	Determination
Respect for others	Humor
Forgiveness	Integrity
Courage	Humility
Responsibility	Creativity
Self-Reliance	Spirituality
Independence	Gratitude (being grateful)
Civitas/Citizenship	Education
Curiosity	Leadership
Dedication	Justice
Empathy	Openness
Recreation/Fun	Patience
Intelligence/Wisdom	Love

### Pre-Interview Reflection

**Directions:** Write your responses to these questions using complete sentences.

1) Who is your partner?

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2) When and where are you planning to conduct the interview with your partner?  
What device will you use to conduct the interview?

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3) What **value** will you **focus on** during the interview?

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a) Why did you choose that as your theme?

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4) What are a few of the questions you intend to ask your partner? *(These should be questions related to your theme, not warm-up questions.)*

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5) Which of those questions do you look forward to asking the most? Why that particular question?

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